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In re Application of	:	
Masaki Kakihara, et al.	:	
Application No. 09/819,827	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 29, 2001	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)
Attorney Docket No. P279165TYF-9951	:	

This is a decision in response to the renewed petition, filed May 3, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § §120 and 365(c) for the benefit of prior-filed PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/05580, filed October 8, 1999.

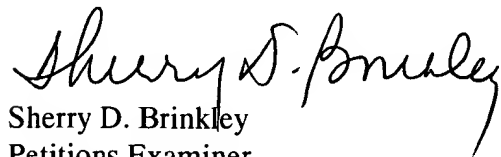
The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the record discloses that a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed December 1, 2004, was dismissed in a decision mailed May 11, 2005. On October 24, 2005, a renewed petition was filed. Unfortunately, the petition was not received in sufficient time to accept the delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § §120 and 365(c), as the application issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,959,282 on October 25, 2005. On May 3, 2006, the present petition was filed, along with a Certificate of Correction (and \$100 fee) to include the claim for the prior-filed PCT application.

On reconsideration, the petition is found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3). It is noted that the requested Certificate of Correction was subsequently mailed. A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the above-noted application, accompanies this decision.

It is noted that a petition fee was paid with the present petition. Since no further petition fee is required for this petition, the \$1,370 petition fee paid on May 3, 2006 is being refunded to counsel's deposit account.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Sherry D. Brinkley at (571) 272-3204.



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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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